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Bureau letter dated March 19, 1946.

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Bureau cable dated March 25, 1946.

Santiago cable dated March 28, 1946.

Suenos Aires cable dated April 1, 1946.

Buenos Aires cable dated April 3, 1946.

Bureau cable dated April 7, 1946 No. 865.

Buenos Aires cable dated April 15, 1946.





#### ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Attention of offices receiving copies of this report is called to the Bureau's instructions that investigation of the activities and contacts of Subject URSULA IREME WASSERMAN must be carried out with full discretion and that no informant should be used who is known to be or suspected to be pro-Soviet, pro-Communist, or professing anti-Fascist".

The Bureau has further instructed that no dissemination of information received from the Bureau or information developed regarding Subject WASSERMAN is to be made without specific bureau authority except the authorization to discreetly discuss the case with if necessary or advisable.

information he might have concerning Subject WASSERMAN, was contacted on the basis of his original claim that Subject WASSERMAN was suspicious which he reported to a representative of the Office of the Legal Attache, Buenos Aires. No indication was given of the basis of the Bureau's interest in accordance with Bureau instructions.

She was warned by to be extremely careful in her to be extremely careful in her dealings with Subject WASSERMAN and was told by report any information of interest concerning Subject WASSERMAN to the Office of the Legal Attache as her suspicious of her activities.

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Aires and reported that she was suspicious of Subject WASSERVAN.

During an interview with Legal Attache James P. McNahon, she stated that she had been told that the FBI was interested in WASSERWAN in the States. Subsequently

was advised at the time of her interview in the Office of the Legal Attache that this office had no information concerning WASSERMAN and knew of no interest of the United States authorities in her.

At the request of on April 3, 1946 a memorandum was prepared and concerning Subject W.SSERMAN Six copies of this memorandum have been furnished the Bureau.

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Re: NATHAN GREGORY SILVERNASTER, WAS, ETAL;
URSULA IRENE WASSERMAN, was
Ursula Wasserman,
Ersala Wasserman;
GREGORY CASE;
Buenos Aires, Argentina

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#### BASIS OF INVESTIGATION

On March 14, 1940, very reliable Source C advised that

On March 20, 1946, very reliable Source D informed that URSULA IRENE VASSERMAN had departed United States via "S. S. Pacific Express" on March 1, 1946 enroute to Buenos Aires via Montevideo, Uruguay. It was stated that WASSERMAN's address book contained names, addresses, and telephone numbers of several known Soviet espionage agents and the following names and addresses in Latin America:

"Dr. BERMAN, FNU, Santiago, Chile; STOPE ROY
BUCKINGHAM (named) Michenry), United Press, Buenos Aires; SUS..N
YBURNETT, United States Embassy, Buenos Aires; LL.X, D... IEL,
Lorebe 1717, Buenos Aires; CH.RLES CUTVIRTH, United States
Embassy, Buenos Aires; Mrs. DUNC..N H.YMES (BACHR.CH), Buenos
Aires; RANDALL MEYMANSON, Ass. Aushal, Fress, Buenos Aires,
(CORTESI); CARLOS WIRSCH, Inchorena 1338, Buenos Aires; ABE
MANDELKORN, Buenos Aires; L.Z.RO MANDELKORN, Buenos Lires;
NORMAN WIGEY, XICY SEI HAM, Buenos Lires; JOSETH WPUMAN,
Diagonal Norte 788, Buenos Aires; RUDOLPT REID, Rus Alimante
Alexandino 48, Space 6... Rio."

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It was further stated that Subject WASSERMAN carried letters dated February 6, 1946 from BELLE MAYER, General Consul's Office, Department of State, to CHARLES GUTWIRTH and Miss SUE BURNETT, United States Embassy, Buenos Aires; and a letter dated February 16, 1946 from HANS FREEMAN, Tass Telegraph Agency, U.S.S.R., in New York, enclosing a letter of introduction from FREEMAN to GREGORE STEPANIAN, Tass correspondent, Montevideo, Uruguay.

The Subject W.SSERMAN was reported to be carrying a copy of the initial page of a book entitled "The Black Book" published by Jewish Communist Front organizations including the Jewish Anti-Fascist Committee, Moscow. It was stated that WASSERMAN apparently assisted in editing "The Black Book".

United States on February 23, 1939 and became a naturalized United States of February 23, 1939 and became a naturalized United States citizen on August 1, 1944. She was traveling on United States Passport No. 128716 issued at Washington, D. C. on December 20, 1945. The parents of Subject Wasserman were said to reside in Buenos Aires; a brother, ERNEST were said to reside in Buenos Aires, and a married Wasserman, residing 1906 Kelian, Buenos Aires, and a married sister, LISELETTE DANIEL, residing in Buenos Aires. Also a sister, ERICANATAMEK, was in 1943 an employee of the Czechoslovakien Legation in London.

Source C informed on March 21, 1946 that the

Source L, who is reliable, on March 21, 1946

Copies of the letters written by BELLE M. YER to SUE BURNETT and CHARLES GUTWIRTH of the United States Embassy and copies of the letter of HAMS FREEMAN to Subject VASSERMAN and FREEMAN's letter to GRIGORI STEPANIAN, Tass Correspondent, Montevideo, Uruguay, are set out as follows:





\*Washington, D. C. February 6, 1946

"Miss SUE BURNETT
U. S. Embassy
Buenos Aires, Argentina

Dear SUE:

"This will introduce to you ERSALA WASSERMAN who will be in Argentina on an extended visit. ERSALA is a friend of mine and I am sure you will find her congenial. I shall be very grateful for any assistance you can give her.

"Sincerely,

"/s/ BELLE MAYER"

"Mashington, D. C. February 6, 1946

"Mr. CHARLES GUTWIRTH U. S. Embassy Buenos Aires, Argentina

"Dear CHARLES:

"This will introduce to you ERSALA WASSERMAN, a good friend of mine and of several of our colleagues. ERSALA expects to be in Argentina for awhile and I am sure you will find her most congenial. Any tips you may be able to give her on lodging, where-to-find-scotch, and who's who about town will be greatly appreciated by me.

"Sincerely,

"/s/ BELLE HAYER"



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"February 16, 1946

"URSULA WASSERMAN 110 Christopher Street New York, New York

"Dear URSULA,

"Here is that letter of introduction I promised to send you. Unfortunately I do not know STEPANIAN's address in Montevideo, but I'm sure that you'll have no trouble locating him.

"With best wishes,

"/s/ HANS FREEMAN"

"February 16, 1946

"GRIGORI STEPANIAN Tass Correspondent Montevideo, Uruguay

"Dear GRIGORI,

"This will introduce URSULA WASSERMAN, a friend of mine, who is going to Argentina to do some magazine articles. You will find her a very well-informed as well as a charming acquaintance.

"With warm greetings,

"/s/ HANS FREEDAN"

BACKGROUND INFORMATION CONCERNING SUBJECT URSUL. IRENE WASSERMAN, WAS.

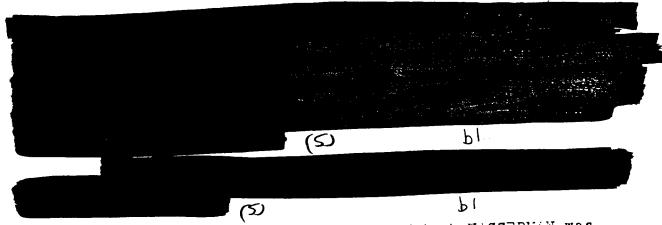
Source F, who is reliable, furnished certain background information concerning URSULA IRENE WASSERM M prepared under date





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The following description of Subject WASSERWAN was compiled from a number of sources:

Full Name

URSULA IRENE VASSERMAN, was

Ursula Masserman Ersala Wasserman

March 10, 1915

130 pounds

Dark brown

Black (large)

Hamburg, Germany 5 feet 4 inches

Jewish

German Nationality

United States Citizenship August 1, 1944 Naturalized

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Female

Sex

Age

Race

Born

Place of Birth

Height

Weight

Hair

Eyes

Complexion

Appearance

Dress

Observation

Fassport

Address

Chain smokes

United States Passport No. 128716

issued Washington, D. C., December 20,

1945.

Dark

Negroid

Stylish

Presently residing 1906 Melian,

Belgrano, Buenos Aires



Marital Status

Single

Relatives

Professor Dr. MARTIN MASSERMAN,

Father

1906 Melian, Belgrane

Sister

LISELETER married to MAX DANIEL. resides at Loreto 1717, Buenos Aires

ERICA MATANEK Sister

Czechoslovakian Legation, London

(1943)

Brother

ERMESTO, also known as ERNEST WASSERMAN, residing Ayacucho 2171, 4th Floor, Buenos Aires.

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CONTACT WITH ROY BUCKING WA

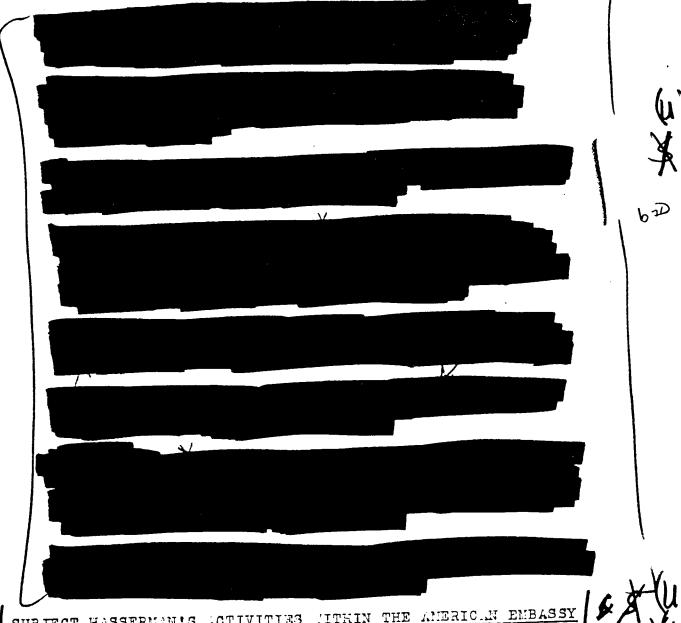
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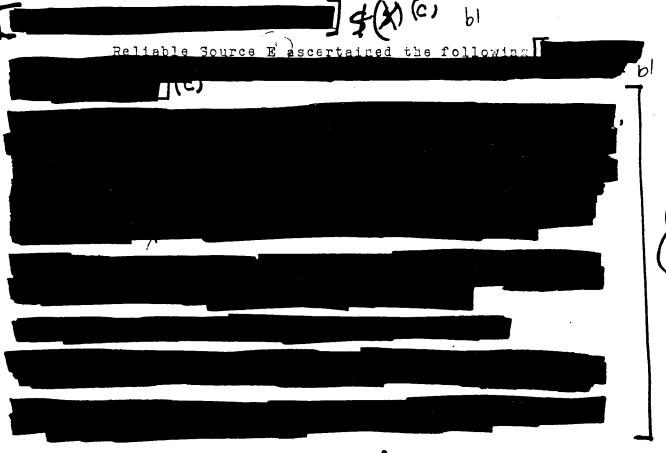
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Prior to the arrival of the aforementioned Soviet Trade Commission, representatives of the Russian Government have been negotiating for the sale of linseed oil by the Argentine Government to the Russian Government. The United States Government has a contract to buy Argentine linseed oil.



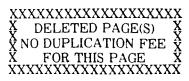
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INFORMATION CONCERNING RELATIVES OF SUBJECT WASSERMAN, HER COUTAGES, AND FERSONS LISTED IN HER ADDRESS BOOK

#### RELATIVES

PROFESSOR DR. MARTHY VASSERVAN: Data obtained by reliable confidential Source K reflects that in Hovember, 1942 an investigation was conducted to determine the identity of PRUDENCE SMEDTS who was receiving mail care of "WASSERVAN, Melian 1906, Buenos Aires". It was stated that information was received that PRUDENCE SMEDTS or her husband had been connected with the publishing of a German news letter.

Investigation reflected that Dr. MARTIN WASSERMAN occupied the fourth floor of the building located at Melian 1905 and had resided there two previous years. It was ascertained that PRUDENCE SPEDTS did not live there but stayed in an apartment with Dr. MASSERMAN a major portion of the time. In the investigation it was further ascertained that Dr. WASSERMAN was Jewish and was reputed to have had a large fortune in Germany, his native land. He was reported to live very comfortably. We received a large volume of mail including many magazines. Dr. WASSERMAN was described as being elderly, short, typically Jewish, and deaf. Fo derogatory information concerning Dr. WASSERMAN was developed in the neighborhood. He was regarded in the neighborhood as being a former Frofessor of Literature and History in Hamburg, Germany. He was stated to be the uncle of the owners of the commercial firm J. WASSERMAN Y CIA, Bartolone Mitre 226. It was ascertained that Dr. MASSERMAN had not taken part in the affairs of the Jewish community in Buenos Lires and was considered somewhat a mysterious person.

It was reported that Dr. MASSERMAN rented Post Office Box 500 at the Belgrano Fost Office but had arrangements with the Fostman to unlock the mailbox and bring the mail to the apartment each day. The visitors at Dr. MASSERMAN's apartment appeared to be of the Jewish race and only a few of them could appeared to be of the Jewish race and only a few of them could speak Spanish. Dr. WASSERMAN's mail reflected that he confined his activities moreorless to Jewish circles.



Information reported by Source C.reflected that in

LISELETTE WISSERIAN DE DANIEL: She is a sister of Subject WISSERIAN and is married to MAX DANIEL. They reside at Lorsto 1717 and it is thought they have one or more small children.

brother-in-law of Subject (I.SSERM. I and married to her sister, LISELETTE. Reliable Source L reported that he is an Austrian, forty-nine years of ago, resident of argentina for the last eight years, a doctor of Economic Science. In Europe he was said to have been employed in a large American Petroleum Company. He is a Director of the firm valemas, a chain of stores similar to Woolworth chain, with administrative offices at Rio Bamba 1124 and principal store located at Ricadavia 6928. The president of the company is FER IN ORTIZIONALDO, an Argentine; vice-president is LANGING TILODA, an American; director is AMIBLICIPEZ, an Argentine; another director is. ARTURO HILLEGAS, Argenting. Each of these officers with the exception of D.MIEL have other business interests.

ERNESTO MASSERMAN also known as ERREST: He is a brother of Subject, reported to be married, and resides at avacucho 2171, fourth floor, with his wife and her parents, ERNESTO MESS and wife. ERNESTO HESS has a sen named; HERMAN HESS, who is one of the officials of the Cia Transat-Iantica Exportadora, S. ... with offices located on calle 25 de Mayo 158, fourth floor. ERNESTO HESS is reported as a German Jew who is in the tobacco business cuming a tobacco factory.

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Source L furnished data reflecting that WASSERMAN Y CIA, importers and wholesalers of news print, have offices at Bartolome Mitre 226. This company was organized in 1936. The firm is presently operated by Dr. ERWIN JATASSERMANN and MARIO WASSERMANN. Dr. ERWIN WASSERMANN owns 900,000 pesos (2225,000. U.S.) of the million pesos capitalization and MARIO WASSERMANN 100,000 pesos (\$25,000. U.S.). Dr. ERMIN J. WASSERMANN receives the monthly renuncration of 3,000 pesos (\$750. U.S.) and MARIO WASSERMANN receives 625 pesos (\$156.25 U.S.). The profit is distributed between the partners in proportion to their respective contributions. The original capital of the company was contributed by ERVIN J. WASSERMAIN and BRUNO JOHN WASSERWALM and GUSTAVO ELSNER. In September, 1939 partner GUSTAVO ELSNER died and at the same time BRUNO JOHN WASSERVANN retired.

Dr. ERWIN J. WASSERMAIN, the son of ERWIN J. WASSERMAIN now deceased, is a German, naturalized Argentine, married, age about forty-three with many years residence in Argentina. He has been Consul of Argentina in Washington, United States. He also has real estate interests being interested in the Cia. Argentina de Bines Raices. MARIO WASSERMANN, an Argentine, single, age approximately thirty-three years, is a brother of Dr. ERVIN J. WASSERMANN. They are the exclusive agents of St. Maurice Valley Paper Company of Montreal, Canada. The company has an excellent credit standing.

CONTACTS OF SUBJECT VASSERMAN

CHARLES GUTHIRTH: - Is an agent of the Treasury
Department of the Utilized States and is presently attached to
the United States Embassy at Buenos Aires. He arrived in
Buenos Aires approximately Tovamber, 1945 for the purpose of

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Source (I reported investigating the flight of Axis capital. boD SUE BURMETT: Is reported by reliable confidential Source I Source G informed that Reliable confidential Source, J She is a correspondent for the

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"Thicago Daily Sun" and a contributor to the New York newspaper

according to reliable Source H.

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Source G informed

Source J stated

JOSETH REWNAR also known as JOE NEWMAN: at calle Juncal 760, Apartment 9-B, and is the correspondent in Buenos Aires for the New York Herald Tribune maintaining offices at Diagonal Norte 788. According to Source 0,

He was former news correspondent in Japan and is author of a book. He has resided in Euchos Aires for approximately three years and is scheduled to leave shortly for the United States and will subsequently travel to Spain as a correspondent for the New York Herald Tribune. He was scheduled to depart on April 6, 1946 but delayed his departure

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TRICH also known as CARLOS MIRICH: Source

ascertained that

Reliable Source N reported ADDRESS BOOK OF SUDJECT WASSERMAN, S(U)

Information concerning CHARLES GUTWIRTH, SUE BURNETT,





ROB RDY BUCKINGHAM, and CHARLES HIRSCH whose names were listed in Subject WASSERMAN's address book, has heretofore been set out.

It is believed that JOSEFH UPUMAN, Diagonal Norte 788, whose name and address was listed in Subject's address book, is identical with JOSEIH NEWMAN, a correspondent of the New York Herald Tribune, concerning whom information has heretofore been set out. Source N. reliable and confidential, explained that the name

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Mrs. DUNCAN HAYNES (BACHRACK): Data contained in reliable Source O reflects that DUNCAN MAYNES, SR. was born in Buenos Aires on May 15, 1889 but in August, 1945 was residing in New York City. He was reported to have become a member of the Communist Party of Argentina in 1938 and in 1940 was placed in charge of the administration of the Communist daily newspaper "La Hora" which position he is alleged to have held until March, 1942. In Buenos Aires MAYNES was also engaged in business having various representations and represented several Forth American firms in the import and export of chemical products. His office was located at calle 25 de Mayo 158. He is active in various political movements among which were Accion Argentina, Comision Fro-Unidad Nacional, La Liga Argentina For Los Derechos Del Hombre. The latter two were Communist dominated organizations.

In September, 1945 DUNCAN A. HAYMES SR. was reported to be residing at 3DS West 107 Street, New York City and was connected with the South American branch of ARTKINO PICTURES, IMCORFORATED, 723 Seventh Avenue, New York City. He is known during 1944 and 1945 to have carried on extensive correspondence with the Argentine Communist leader RCDOLFE CHICLDI.

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Reliable Source P stated that it is believed that

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Information contained in Source O reflects that on March 12, 1945 DUNCAN MAYNES JR. was Chief of the Argentine Government Fleet Delegation (Delegacion de La Floata Mercante del Estado Republica Argentina) in New Orleans, Louisiana. This delegation is located at 216 Whitney Building, New Orleans.

HAYMES JR. addressed a letter On March 12, 1945 DUNCAH to the Manager of the Floata Mercante del Estado Republica Argentina in Buenos Aires, Argentina, in which he stated he was in receipt of the addressee's letter dated February 26, 1945 ordering him to return to Buenos Aires by air. He stated: "I wish to confirm my telephone conversation during which you made known to me that my call to Buenos Aires had nothing to do with the administration of the business, but with personal business regarding my father.! It is to be noted that the father is DUNCAN HATNES SR. of 308 West 107th Street. HAYNES, JR. stated that the instructions received created a problem which he could not surmount, that no matter what the disparity of opinion between his father and himself was, he could not bring himself to the point of making a trip for the purpose of giving information regarding him, and that the only alternative he could see was to resign from his position with the De La Flota Mercante Del Estado, which he had held since January of 1941."



No information concerning the wife of DUNCAN A. HAYMES, JR. has been ascertained.

Source N informed that

Though numerous sources have been conculted, no information has been developed concerning RANDALL HEYMANSON. His name does not figure in any telephone or business guide in Buenos Aires and according to Source N

NORM W MIGEY, Kicy Sei Han, Buenos Aires: Though numerous informants have been consulted, no information has been developed concerning NORMAN MIGEY or meaning of "Kicy Sei Han". This name does not figure in any telephone or business directory nor in any police register.

RUDOLFH REID, Ric de Janeiro: No information has been developed in Buenos Aires concerning RUDOLFH REID, Rio de Janeiro.

MATALIO BERLAY, Santiago, Chile: Listed in Subject Wasserman's address book was the name, Dr. Beaman, raw, Santiago, Chile. Reliable Source Q from Santiago, Child, advised that Dr. BERMAN listed in Subject Wasserman's address book is TATALIO BERMAN, a militant Communist who was sora in Odessa

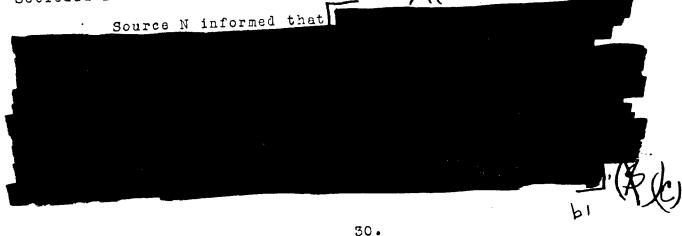
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Russia, October 10, 1908 whose parents are JESUS and CLARA. He became a naturalized Chilean citizen in 1929. Dr. BERMAN was graduated from the Santiago, Chile, Medical School in 1930. We was one of the founders of the Socialist Party but retired He was one of the founders of the Socialist Party but retired the Communist Party. He was elected a Communist Deputy and the Communist Party. He was elected a Communist Deputy and is a member of the Central and National Political Committee. He is a committee member of the Chilean Institute of Cultural He is a committee member of the Chilean Institute of Cultural Relations with the Soviet Union. Dr. BERMAN participated in Communist—controlled Union for Victory and Israelite the Committee. He has been reported as a political professor in Committee. He has been reported as a political professor in Committee. He has been reported as a political professor in Party organization and propaganda activity. Dr. BERMAN has Party organization and propaganda activity. Dr. BERMAN has Party organization and propaganda activity. Dr. BERMAN has authored numerous social works and books. About October, 1944 authored numerous social works and books. About October, 1944 accompanied by his wife, LUISA COMEN.

that ADAM AYDMAN: Source C informed on March 27, 1946

Reliable Source R described ZAYDMAN as being fortynine years of age, five feet ten and one-half inches tall,
two hundred and forty pounds, blue eyes, stout build. He was
two hundred as being President of the Communist-dominated
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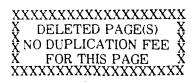




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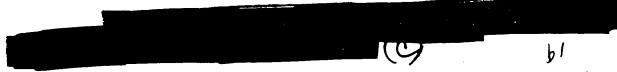


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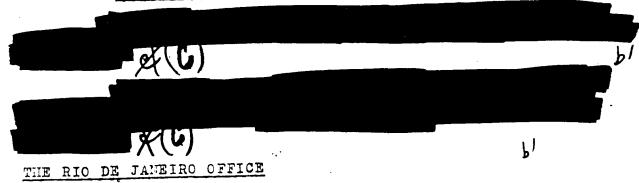
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